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In re Application of:
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Application No. 10/066,847 :
Filed: February 4, 2002 :
Attorney Docket No. BA-22810 :

**DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102, filed February 4, 2002, to make the above-identified application special.

Petitioner requests that the application be made special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (M.P.E.P.) § 708.02, Item IV: Applicant's Age.

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item IV, must include a showing, as by a birth certificate or the applicant's affidavit or declaration, that the applicant is sixty five (65) years of age or more. No fee is required for this petition.

The petition includes a declaration by applicant as a showing that applicant is sixty five (65) years of age or more.

Accordingly, the petition is granted.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.

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